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THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S MISSION.
In the object of the visit of Chief Justice Taft to England this summer there cannot fail to be widespread interest, inasmuch as much is to be expected from his study of English law and the methods pursued by the courts of that country in administering it, so as to overcome the distressing delays and miscarriages of justice that too frequently occur in this country.

In view of the fact that English law is what American law is based upon it is natural that he should turn to that country in the study of a system which has seemingly overcome defects in our own, and especially since English courts have suffered from long drawn out legal procedure but have within the last few decades come to the realization of the conditions and proceeded to fight them so that now it is possible to put a case through the various courts to a final decision within a matter of months, where in this country legal machinery might be employed to keep it tottering about for a matter of years or almost indefinitely.

Having experienced the poor results of slow action, been brought to its realization to the extent that the desired reform has been put into action, English courts, or the courts where the English common law upon which so much dependence is placed by this country, are the very ones of the much needed reform, valuable assistance in overcoming the slow litigation in this country.

Chief Justice Taft thus goes to the right place and his study should be of much benefit in tackling what he recognizes as one of the most needed reforms in this country. He will be able to learn where this country wastes so much time in comparison with England in determining legal matters. Inasmuch as England has overcome conditions which were not dissimilar to those which exist here there is certain to be interest in the course that was pursued there in getting down to an efficient conduct of court matters in a much shorter period of time and without sacrificing anything in the way of justice.

LOWER POSTAL RATES.
Whether anything will come of the discussion which has taken place in the cabinet concerning changes in postal rates can best be determined later. It is in keeping with other conditions that there should be requests made for such reductions. Inasmuch as other lines of business are getting away from the time price it is proper that attention should be given to the possibility of such being done in connection with the postal service.

The higher rate for first class mail has been removed but there still remains the higher rate for second class matter under the existing system.

The postoffice department is operated for public service. It is not supposed to be a money maker and the government doesn't operate it for that purpose. Charges for such service are therefore in keeping with what it costs to render it, although there are parts of the postal service that are not being run on that basis because the necessary adjustments haven't been made.

Should the postal rate be changed, through the elimination of or a modification of the zone system, it would mean a reduction in revenue and call for a readjustment elsewhere, such as possibly in the parcel post branch, where the public doesn't begin to pay the cost of the service which they are obtaining.

Postmaster General Hays directed attention to the fact that the parcel post service was not making ends meet but that action would have to be taken to make it do so. In service of that kind the public has no reason to expect something for nothing, inasmuch as if fair rates were fixed the service would then be unquestionably cheaper than otherwise obtainable.

Postmaster General Hays has no disposition to pile up the deficits but when he takes the view that some at least of the war increase in second class rates should be lifted he has in mind the getting back to normalcy in government activities as well as in business and industry in general.

DECIDING RIGHT.
As new decisions continue to arise calling for a decision as to whether buyers or truck lines should be permitted to take away the business of existing transportation lines it is inevitable that the interests of the public require the continuance of existing service and that if such is going to be expected it ought not to be subjected to the unjust competition of the other lines.

Some cities have recovered the struggle along with both, only to find that it was unsatisfactory and that unless the line was drawn somewhere it would soon result in the public being worse off than it was before. Instead of the jitney forcing the trolley lines to better service, it took away the patronage that made it possible to render service at all, and it didn't take long to be convinced that the public could not afford to lose the benefit of trolley service. Such being the case there was nothing surprising about the decision which has been given to the effect that jitneys cannot be permitted to interfere with existing transportation lines.

What justice is done by such efforts to take off the cream of the business is shown in the case of the prospective operator of a motor stage in Colorado who wanted the privilege of taking business during the summer season.

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son. This line was to get the business which is now served by a railroad, which has made a large investment and is required to maintain its schedule the year through, while the motor stage was to pick up the easy money during the summer months and leave the slim picking and heavier expenses of the rest of the year to be shouldered by the railroad without the help of the summer business. Such being the case it was quite natural that the public utilities commission of that state should deny the application, especially when it found that the railroad was furnishing adequate service and there was no excuse for giving that new line the opportunity to cripple an all year service upon which many people were dependent.

SPEDDY JUSTICE.
Within a month of the time in which the hold attempt was made to take the payroll away from Connecticut company employees in Bridgeport, the holdup men have been given the maximum sentence for such a crime.

It was a case where desperate methods were employed by the robbers. They were playing for big stakes, taking all the chances necessary and it is therefore to be expected that they would anticipate the worst. In too many instances, however, even where guilt has been proved, there is a disposition to treat such men with leniency under the much advanced argument of giving them a chance to reform.

Whether they had been previously involved in similar cases is not known, but it is certain that they had gotten some inspiration at least from the acts which had been committed by others. Regardless of the fact that they knew they were violating the law, and were prepared to take the life of others to carry out their purpose, they were won over undoubtedly to engage in such a robbery by the belief that they could do it and get away, but that if they were caught they stood a good chance of being sent away for only a short time, and after being imprisoned there is always that opportunity of seeking pardon or parole after a certain time.

Crime is not discouraged by the giving of such individuals greater consideration than the public, or by continued delays in the prosecution. Quick justice is what is called for, and with the imposition of the maximum sentence in this instance after their guilt had been established, that is what has been administered in this instance.

There can be no sympathy for the highwaymen and the most valuable service to the commonwealth is being rendered by the individuals who are given the full benefit of the law. If that were the result in all cases there would be a greater respect for laws and a correspondingly greater degree of protection for the public.

SCALING MT. EVEREST.
It makes little difference what the effort is, whether some daring aviator attempts to reach the highest altitude ever attained by man, whether some explorer sets out in search of one of the poles, whether it is a record breaking leap in a parachute, whether it is a speed trip around the world, whether it is the reaching of new depths by a sea diver or the reaching of the topmost point of the highest mountain in the world, it is bound to be followed with keen interest by a large part of the reading public. Such endeavors enthrall and inspire. The intrepid chance takers who are seeking what has never been attained before and aiming for success where others have failed display a courage and determination that cannot be lightly passed over. For that reason widespread concern cannot fail to be manifested in the attempt now underway to stand on the top of Mt. Everest. It has been attempted many times before but it has always baffled those who made the try until a new approach was discovered by those who were unwilling to admit defeat.

Those now on their way to the tip of the peak have reached heights which we others have approached. They are making progress under tremendous difficulties, the thin air being one of the troubles it was necessary to be prepared for, but from the persistent manner in which they are approaching the top of the highest point of land in the world good promise is made that they will reach the goal and come back to relate their experiences and receive deserved honors. The world always like to acclaim a winner.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
The man on the corner says: There are times when June might well be reminded to go slow.

If Ireland stops to reflect it will come to the conclusion that a lot of lives have been needlessly wasted.

Nothing looms up in the mind of the small boy these days much bigger than the coming long vacation.

These are the days when the youngsters seem to think it is their duty to help trim the cherry tree.

Even if he is a bachelor it looks as if many of the girls up in Maine thought pretty well of Senator Hale.

There is much that can be said on making the most out of a vacation, whether it is a long or a short one.

Those who are kicking about the ten cent pieces of pie are really able to get an attentive and sympathetic gallery.

Congress is going to dispose of the tariff before the bonus bill. A lot of the public breath has been wasted saying that it wasn't.

Of course you are aware of the fact that there are less than two weeks to the Fourth of July and governing your self accordingly.

The heavy rainfalls and the high water in the rivers show that some have been getting hip deep in June in an undesirable manner.

It is just such stuff as June has been delivering that fills the reservoirs, and just what is from time to time asked for in many a prayer.

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MARJORIE'S INDIAN
"For heaven's sake, let's not have beans again, dear," called Mrs. Davis from the depths of the tent. "Isn't there anything else?"
The investigator the limp duffel bag that had held their supplies for a ten days canoe trip.
"Six cans of beans," he enumerated. "Some cornmeal, a little sugar, a little flour, a can of minute coffee and those desiccated eggs."
"Desiccated," Mrs. Davis corrected, emerging from the tent, unburned and boyish in a flannel shirt, high boots and khaki knickerbockers.
"I'll stir up a Johnny cake," she decided. "We'll make coffee. We'll have the blueberries we picked this afternoon for dessert. And beans, of course. If I'd known you weren't going to eat any fish I'd have brought more bacon."
"But Marjorie, how could I tell the fish would be moulting, or shedding their teeth, or whatever it is they do in September? It's been a good vacation, just the same."
"The best we ever had. But how am I ever going to admit to the girls in the Wednesday club that we took a fishing trip on an Indian reservation and didn't catch a fish or see an Indian?"
Davis was listening to something far away. "Somebody like a motor boat," he announced. "You saw the Indian village, anyway."
"Yes, with every house in it shut up tight. They're all away at a feast or dance or something. Remember how we heard their drums over the water all one night? Ted, that is a motor boat, and it's coming nearer."
"It's on the other side of the island," Davis agreed. "It's stopping, too."

The island was small. From behind them came a series of sharp explosions, the grinding of a keel on a gravel beach, the rustling of leaves. Then the thickest parted and Mrs. Davis' Indian stood forth. An unmistakable Indian as to hair and eyes, and dressed in a plaid crop top, an old brown jersey, khaki trousers and tan buttoned shoes.
"I'm a government agent," he said. "I have you a permit to camp on this reservation. If not, I'll have to confiscate your canoe and your supplies."
The permits being produced and examined, he nodded and had turned to go when Davis with an amused glance at his wife, called after him: "Wait a minute. We're just going to eat. Sit down and have a cup of coffee."
"Yes, do, please," added Marjorie. "Come and have some beans. Mr. —" Their caller turned, nodded and seated himself beside the fire.
"Smith's my name," he said pleasantly. "Fred Smith. He accepted the plate of beans and Johnny cake with thanks and for a few minutes they ate in silence. Then Davis asked:
"Where could I rent a good canoe and get a guide in this part of the country? I came in in October for a day or two of real fishing?"
"Plenty of guides," their guest replied. "I don't know about a canoe. A few of the oldtimers have them, but we mostly use motor boats. I never cared for a canoe myself. Tib over on a fellow."
"We stopped at the Indian village," ventured Marjorie. "But your people were all away from home. I wanted to buy some moccasins to wear at night. These brains get pretty heavy."
"They're all out digging potatoes," said Fred Smith, casually.
"We thought we'd heard a drum, a few nights ago," said Mrs. Davis.
"Motor boat, more than likely," replied the government agent, his face a blank.

Mrs. Davis poured out second cups of coffee and tried again.
The railroad folders told us that big black rock out there was called Medicine rock. Isn't there a story about it?"
"That rock's a meteor. The old folks have some tale about it. I heard it when I was a boy, but I've forgotten. His tone was final. She changed the subject.
"Have you ever been off the reservation?" she inquired politely.
Fred Smith rose. "Yes," he replied. "Several times. I visit my uncle in Chillicothe once in a while, and I spent four years at Carlisle. Good night, folks. Thank you for the lunch. I have to go way up Bear creek tonight and check up on another fishing party."
"Well," remarked Davis as the throbb of the motor boat was dying away, "you can tell the girls in the Wednesday club about your Indian."
"Do you know?" said Mrs. Davis. "I don't think he would interest them at all. But, Teddy, I almost did a dreadful thing. Just think, he's a college graduate, and he asked me if he didn't want to take home these five cans of beans!"
Exchange.

Great Men's Love Letters

KLOPSTOCK TO HIS WIFE.
Frederick Klopstock was the Milton of Germany. He was the pride of his country. His plays and his virtues, his gifts, his genius, made him an honor to mankind. His writings are little known in this country, but he and his wife have left one of the most interesting letters in any language. In this collection of letters the reader is able to penetrate into the deep recesses of his heart and to see how much he loved and was beloved.
Diet with the hand and the heart of one of the most excellent of women, Klopstock was in every respect "happy past the common lot." It was at Hamburg in 1771 that the poet met Margarete (Metz) Moller, an enthusiastic admirer of his poetry. They were married in 1774.

The following are brief extracts from letters written to Klopstock during their engagements: "I must write to you this evening and you shall find my letter at Copenhagen. Best of men, you ought to read in me a desire to be interested by you as far as it can be possible. I will, indeed, I will, resemble you as much as I can. If I have preserved as much fortune, as I have acquired this evening, I will not shed a tear at our parting. You will leave me, but I shall again receive you, and receive you as your wife."
"I have you no longer, my Klopstock; you are already too far from me. You are well, you are tranquil; you are thinking of your Metz, of your ever beloved Metz. You are thinking of me as I am and ever thinking of you; for your heart is still affected by me. No like my own. Now all reminds me of the time which is mine no more of my happiness in having always near me my best beloved friend, who loves me so tenderly."
The style of the letters from Klopstock to Metz vary very little. The following are extracts from various letters from the poet to Metz: "With what transport do I think of you, my Metz, my only do I think of you, my Metz. When in fancy I behold you, my mind is filled with the heavenly thoughts which so often fervently and delightfully occupy it; and you think of me as I am, and I am so fervent, more delightful. You are dearer to me than all who are connected with me by blood or by friendship, dearer to me than all which is dear to me, dearer to me than my sister, my friend, my mine by love, by pure and holy love, which Providence has made the habitant of my soul upon earth. It appears to me that you were born my twin sister in Paradise."

"With what sweet peace of mind do I contemplate in every point of view the thought that you are mine and I am yours. O, Metz, how entirely are you formed to make me happy; and you are bestowed upon me. Can there be so much happiness here below?"
Klopstock's happiness was short for Metz died in 1778, leaving him almost broken-hearted. After she was gone he continued to write letters to her: "I should often give way to my tears, to the melancholy that oppresses me. I should think myself justified in giving way to it, if I had not experienced so much grace at the time when the stroke of thy death fell upon me."
"I am obliged to call it to mind to restrain the melancholy which came on even now as I reflected that there are but a few days to thy birthday, which thou didst not receive. Was I not wonderfully supported on the day of thy death? A little while ago I imagined so strongly that thou wert before me that I felt as if thou wert speaking to me. Oh, if thou wert indeed with me, then I need say nothing more."

That Klopstock finally overcame his grief is shown in that when he was six-and-seventeen years of age he contracted a second marriage with Johanna Elisabeth Von Winthelm, a widow and a niece of his late wife, who for many years had been one of his most intimate friends. He died in Hamburg on the 14th of March, 1803, mourned by all Germany, and was buried with great pomp and ceremony by the side of his first wife in the churchyard of the village of Ottensee.

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1825—John H. Mitchell, United States senator from Oregon, born in Warren, Ore., Dec. 8, 1845.
1865—John H. Surratt was finally released from custody after a jury had found him innocent of the conspiracy in the assassination of President Lincoln.
1892—Three hundred and fifty officers and men lost when the British battleship Victoria was sunk in collision with the Camperdown off Tripoli.
1906—King Haakon VII of Norway and Queen Maud were crowned at Trondheim.
1915—Governor of Georgia commuted the sentence of Leo Frank to life imprisonment.
1919—Governor Lowden of Illinois signed the "search and seizure" bill, to enforce prohibition.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE
Senator Edwin F. Ladd of North Dakota, who has been in the public eye for some time, has been paid in cash from profits of banks. Is a comparative newcomer in national politics, having never held public office but he took his seat in the senate in the creation. Not a little more than a year ago. But there is one subject with which Senator Ladd is better acquainted than any of his colleagues, and that is chemistry, which has been his life's profession. His specialty has been chemistry as applied to agriculture, natural science and soil values at the University of Maine. From 1914 to 1919 he was in charge of the chemistry department of the New York agricultural experiment station. In 1920 he joined the faculty of the North Dakota Agricultural college, with which institution he is still connected. Two years ago he decided that the profession of chemistry should be honored with a seat in the United States senate, and with the help of the Non-Partisan league he won the nomination and election.

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"Booth Tarkington, of course," the spinster snapped back.
But the niece shook her head. "I thought he wrote it," she said, "I'm sure he did."
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